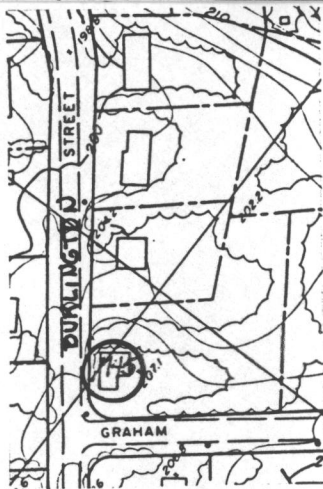


FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



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Date (month / year) February 1998

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 185 Burlington St.

Historic Name George Simonds House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1832

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Granite (front ¾), Fieldstone (rear ¼)

Wall/Trim Vinyl Siding

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Tool shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition (date unknown)

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.7 A.

Setting Close to a busy residential street near Route 128 in a neighborhood of 20th-century houses

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

185 Burlington St. is one of three side-gabled Greek Revival cottages with wall dormers in Lexington (the other two are at 241 Grove St. [MHC #748] and 79 North St. [MHC #723]) but is the least intact. The house is rectangular, 1½ stories, five-by-one bays, and side-gabled with two small ridge chimneys. The front three-quarters of the house is set on a granite foundation and the rear quarter on fieldstone, it is clad with vinyl siding, and roofed with asphalt shingles. At the rear is a one-story shed-roofed addition on a concrete foundation. The main entry is in the center of the facade; there are eyebrow windows on the second stories of the front and rear elevations and 2/2 windows elsewhere. The two side eyebrow windows on the facade have been carried up to form gabled wall dormers. A very small tool shed is clad with vertical wood siding.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Lexington assessors' records indicate that this house was built in 1832 by George Simonds (1807–1892), for he had acquired 22 acres including the land on which this house is located in June 1830 and was assessed for a new house and barn in June 1833. In 1883 Simonds sold the house and lot, by then reduced to 9¼ acres, to Sanford H. Woodworth, who in 1884 would marry Simonds' granddaughter Marion, daughter of George Simonds Jr., who lived in the house now at 16 Adams St. (MHC #698).

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*